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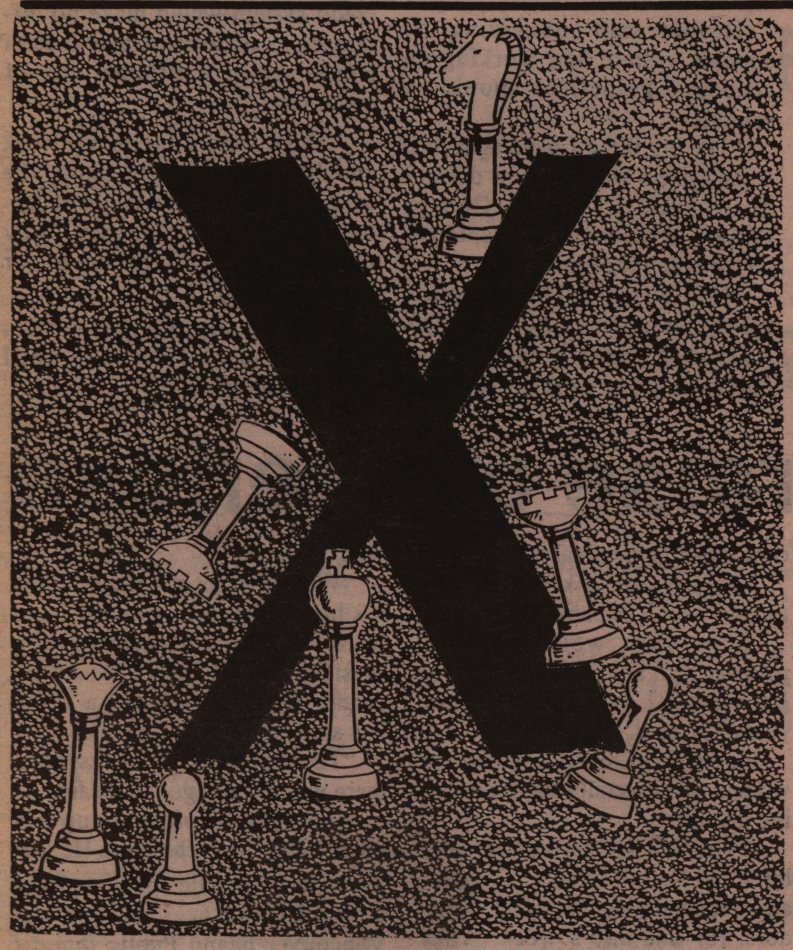

Student X speaks out

by David Clements

Ask yourself one question. Why haven't they mentioned my name? [If] they mention my name, I'll put them in jail."

A student accused of making death threats to members of the Creative Writing department is denying the allegations.

The chair of the department, Lawrence Russell, accused the student of pretending to have a gun and threatening him with it in September of 1990.

"I never had a gun. I detest guns," said the student, who has been advised by the administration to remain anonymous because the case is under investigation.

"I never mentioned the word gun. I was an anti-gun lobbyist in Pennsylvania for a while," he said.

The student said he was incensed over an Oct. 24 article in the *Times-Colonist* by William Valgardson, a professor and former chair of the Creative Writing department. Valgardson made several allegations against the student, although none explicitly naming him.

"I NEVER MENTIONED THE WORD GUN."

Valgardson said the student "broke into" an instructor's office. The office was Charles Tidler's, a former Creative Writing instructor, who had sat on a panel reviewing the student's work for a possible Canada Council grant the student did not receive.

"I didn't break into his office," said the student.

"I was invited. He told me that there were so many submissions that he couldn't give the work a fair reading."

The student said he was upset at this alleged admission.

"I told him [Tidler] that if I was another kind of a guy, I might get mad, I might do something. He stormed out [of his office]. He wouldn't talk to me," said the student.

"Later, we had drinks together and laughed about it."

Tidler had a different version of what happened.

"He did threaten me. He threatened to beat me up. I never met him for beers, no. I have met with students in my classes at Felicita's [pub] but he wasn't in any of my classes. We didn't have a relationship."

As far as the grant goes, Tidler said, "He got no less consideration than anyone else."

The student said he feels the charges made by Russell are the latest in a string of attacks against him.

After a car accident two years ago, the student had his then-fiance contacted Russell about his registration.

"He insulted her, he corrected her English. He had the poor woman in tears," the student said.

"To tell you the truth, I would love to beat the shit out of Russell. I'm a half foot shorter, and 40 pounds lighter, but for insulting my fiance... "

"I have no idea who his fiance is," said Russell. "He claimed that [I insulted her] but I don't know who she is or what he's talking about."

The student said he was not the only one having problems with Russell.

"Women live in fear of him. If you talk to women, they might tell you."

"Yeah, I'm sure he would say that. The converse is true. They're afraid of [the student]," said Russell.

"As far as women being afraid of me, all I can say is ask the [women] instructors."

Assistant professor Lorna Crozier, said, "Lawrence is very old fashioned, but definitely not fearsome in any way."

The student said his problems with Russell have damaged his relations with other members of the department. For instance, he said he submitted poems to Crozier for her to examine.

"She was fine, nice about it. Then, after these accusations, she threw them [the poems] back in my face."

Crozier said, "He slipped them under my door. I thought that I shouldn't take work from people who aren't my students.

"He never even talked to me about them. A while later he peeked his head in my office and I told him sorry I wouldn't have time to read them.

"I got a couple of nasty letters after that, but they weren't signed, so I don't know [who they were from]."

The student said, "I'm way beyond notes. That's a high school thing to do."

Julie Hewlett, director of academics on the UVic students' society, said, "We [the UVSS] don't have an official position on this case.

"I have heard numerous grievances in-depth about Russell's behaviour toward women that were appalling."

However, Hewlett - in her fifth year towards a Creative Writing degree - said she was upset over the student's accusations toward Russell.

"They are separate issues. [The student] is not a victim of sexism."

"I just hope all this media hype doesn't outweigh the legitimate concerns over the chair of the department," said Hewlett.

The student said he is distressed over the handling of the issue and feels driven to drastic actions. "I'm gonna leave this country, I'm gonna renounce my Canadian citizenship," he said.

However, Russell said, "The issue here is whether people can intimidate their way into grades."

The BoG will be reviewing aspects of the case at their Monday meeting.❑

Law protects queers

by Eric White

A recent supreme court ruling on the role of homosexuals and lesbians in the armed forces is being met with skepticism.

The ruling makes it illegal for the military to restrict recruitment and advancement of known gays and lesbians on the basis of sexuality.

Brian Young, one of the two co-chairs of the UVic Lesbian Gay Bisexual Alliance, said the supreme court ruling is very positive. Canada is now one of only three countries in the world allowing gays and lesbians in its armed forces. Denmark and Holland are the other's.

But despite his enthusiasm, Young said there might not be a dramatic rise in gay and lesbian recruitment unless something positive is done from within the military to tackle homophobia.

"As a divisional officer in a combat unit, it would be in your best interests to get rid of a person who was excluded from the unit because he was gay, or for any other reason," explained Lindsay Dawson, a commissioned officer in the Canadian Navy whose name has been changed to protect him from reprimand.

When asked about the repercussions of the ruling, Dawson said he was concerned about the possible effects on group morale and unity.

"There's a strong pressure in the military to choose your gender and be that gender," he said. To come out as being gay would distance one from the group.

Dawson said the social exclusion a gay would experience in the armed forces might severely undermine this sense of unity and endanger a combat unit as a whole. For this reason, he said he had misgivings about commanding any group including "out" gays.

Young agreed the presence of gays and lesbians might undermine group unity, but said the problem is with the attitudes of heterosexuals, not gays.

Dawson said he thought change would be slow as "the military is the most conservative institution in Canada".

However, he also said there is now little racial prejudice within the armed forces compared to the past. If society as a whole changes, then the military will follow.

Formally at least, the new legislation gives gays and lesbians legal recourse against discrimination - effective in the armed forces where the reasons for promotion may be examined by the candidate.

But Dawson said also gays and lesbians in power might discriminate against heterosexuals.

Young responded, "It's very possible - I might want to do it from revenge...a kind of informal affirmative action. But gays and lesbians are quite sensitive to exclusion. It would be more of an exception than the rule."❑

B.C. interest in "right to die" bill

by Anna Hutson

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, Californians had the opportunity to vote on Proposition 161, the controversial "Death with Dignity" act.

It would have allowed access to physician-aided death to make California the first place in North America to legalize euthanasia.

Ralph Mero, president of the Hemlock Society in Seattle, said as law it would only apply to mentally competent adult patients with a terminal illness who "clearly can not survive".

The decision can be private, but must be approved by two doctors.

The proposal failed as it faced strong opposition - the No on 161 Coalition included the American Cancer Society in California and the California Catholic Conference.

Jann Taber, a member of the No on 161 Coalition, said it was an "immensely dangerous" proposition.

The coalition objected for many reasons, including the risk of a rash decision made in a moment of depression, mis-diagnosis, and patients can request euthanasia without consulting their family.

Although the proposition said euthanasia will only be granted after the diagnosis of two doctors, it doesn't specify the qualifications.

"It could be an optometrist," said Taber.

But what implications does this proposal have in British Columbia?

John Hofsess, a member of the Right to Die Society in Victoria, said under present B.C. law, it is illegal even to suggest euthanasia.

The proposal is "a challenge to the medical plan", he said. It has no residency requirements, so Hofsess said he wondered if Canadian medical insurance would pay for people to die in California.

Darlene Miller, secretary of Goodbye: A Right to Die in Point Grey, said she was in favour of the proposition.

In any case, she said the idea of legal euthanasia may eventually filter up to B.C., although it would probably take a while as Californians are usually more radical than the rest of North America.❑

• NEWS •

Senate pushes change, not all agree

by Andrew MacLeod

Changes to the grading and credit hour systems are deep in the works at UVic.

The proposal would change the current letter grade to a percentage system, and make one credit unit equivalent to one hour of lecture per week.

"So far the changes we have suggested have been approved by all faculties except for fine arts and law," said Dr. Reg Mitchell, chair of the senate committee on academic standards.

"Once we get the responses from fine arts and law we will make the proposal in principle to the senate," said Mitchell.

Mitchell said UVic is one of only three Canadian universities to use a nine point system, while most are on a percentage scale. The University of British Columbia made similar changes in the spring of 1991.

In his proposal to the committee, Mitchell said reasons for change are greater precision, compatibility with other schools, and for easier interpretation of standards.

"I don't have a problem with our current system," said Julie Hewlett, the students' society director of academics.

"[The changes are] something administration wants to do to make their lives easier with calculations," she said. "Administrative ease of implementation is not a valid reason for changing something, unless it really helps students."

"Aren't there more important things to worry about?" asked Hewlett. "Aren't there some academic things that could be addressed?"

Hewlett said publicizing the appeals system and working on academic guidelines should be priorities.

"The big thing I have against it is the system we have now doesn't discriminate," said George Pringle, a student representative on the committee last year.

"How do you tell the difference between a B and an A?" he asked. As grading papers is quite subjective, it would be difficult to assign a more precise grade.

"The sciences are in favour of this, but the rest of the campus will be resistant to it," he said.

Mitchell said changes to the credit system would make no difference to students. A new system would just be a different way of counting.

"Three lecture hours per week should be three credit units," he said. Labs would not count as lecture hours. "You could say, 'why don't arts students get credit for reading books?'"

Realistically, neither system will be implemented until 1994/95, he said.❑

Walk to raise awareness

by Andrew MacLeod

A local group is planning a walk to remind the government and public of the need for an eating disorders program in Victoria.

There have been four eating disorder related deaths in the Victoria area in the past five months.

"It's going to be a very peaceful walk," said Dr. James Kirkpatrick, who sees people with anorexia and bulimia in his general practice. "There will be no finger pointing."

Kirkpatrick said there has been no official promise of funding from the government, but they have a proposal from the Greater Victoria Hospital Society for an eating disorders program.

It calls for a community based program with two full-time therapists, a co-ordinating nurse, a half-time nutritionist, and an 80 per cent full-time medical person.

"We're not asking for the moon," said Kirkpatrick.

"I've seen well over 400 patients with anorexia and bulimia [in Victoria] over the past three years," he said.

He said up to 20 per cent of women at university have an eating disorder.

UVic Health Services recently hired Dr. Kate Whitaker, a psychiatrist specializing in eating disorders, for one day a week. After only two months she has a four month long waiting list, mostly people with eating disorders. She may add another day beginning in January.

"The mortality rate for anorexia and bulimia is between 18 and 20 per cent. That's 20 out of 100," said Kirkpatrick.

"I've seen 400, so that's 80 who are going to die either directly or indirectly from eating disorders," he said.

"We just want people to know it's happening, and not to be blind to it," said Lori Assheton-Smith, president of the B.C. Eating Disorders Association, and a UVic law student.

"There is more awareness than there was a year ago," she said.

An eating disorder group has been organized through Health Services to include someone from Counselling Services, and the Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group has a committee set up, she said.

"We still need a lot more support from the university," said Assheton-Smith.

The walk is being organized by the Parents' Support Group, part of the BCEDA. People interested in joining the walk should meet on the west wing steps of the Legislature Nov. 12 at 3:30 p.m.❑

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• NEWS •

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Not a wonder of nature, UVic greenery thrives on a diet of chemicals and control.

UVic chemicals hurt nature

by Alisa Smith

Keeping up UVic's vegetation is viewed with the romance of professional carpet cleaning - grass must be kept smooth and weedless, and ever bountiful, by whatever method is necessary.

"Grass wears, it has to be replaced," said Tony James, UVic grounds manager.

Although alternative methods of weed and pest control are used, chemicals are still a standby.

"We assess the problem and decide on the best solution. We don't necessarily rush out and spray [with chemicals]," he said.

However, many chemicals are standardly used. Roundup keeps weeds from pavement cracks, and Casoron stops dandelions from spoiling the lawns.

Grant Rogers, UVic waste management officer, said the "more controversial" chemicals 24D and Malefian were also used on campus.

However, James said in essence there is no difference between chemical and organic fertilizers.

"The end result is the same."

He said the university has a compost pile, but "you can't use compost on grass" - so chemical fertilizers are the alternative.

The soil on campus is deficient in many nutrients, and doesn't hold chemicals easily, he said. Grounds uses slow release chemicals to compensate.

James said he could not pin down how often and what kinds of chemical controls were used on campus each year, as it varies.

"There might be none, there might be 50 [pesticides]. This year, we have used very little, because we haven't had too many pests."

Often, effects of pesticides and herbicides do not show up until they have been used outside the laboratory.

"It's possible that more have been banned and deregistered [in the last five years] than have entered the market," said Tony Klugy, manager of plant health in the Ministry of Agriculture.

He also did not dispute the problem of bioaccumulation.

"Some chemicals can be accumulated by feeding animals in a living system. They are consuming some of the pesticides as well."

Chemicals can also turn up in unexpected places down the line.

Klugy said, "When there's runoff water, there's a possibility of chemicals turning up in fish.

"People have to take this danger into account when they use [chemical controls]."

Disposing of leftover pesticides and herbicides and their containers, treated as hazardous chemical wastes, poses some environmental problems as well.

UVic contracts out chemical disposal companies to get rid of their wastes.

Waste officer Rogers said, "At that point, we no longer own it [chemical wastes].

"Of course, we have a moral obligation to make sure the disposal is appropriate."

Appropriate disposal means burying the hazardous waste in concrete, putting it in a landfill, or taking it to Alberta to be burned.❑

U.S. tries to renege on gay rights

by Theresa Newhouse

Initiatives to take away rights are a step backwards for our southern neighbours in the war against hate.

With the rise of "family values" campaigns from the new right, queers in the U.S.A. face increased harassment and silencing.

Gay bashing is on the rise. Two states are even holding referenda on proposals to add anti-gay legislation to their constitutions.

Yet according to Arthur Leonard, from the University of New York law school, who spoke at UVic Oct. 21, "[Queers have] received more from Bush than from any other president, including the repeal of the immigration exclusion of homosexuals, the creation of a National AIDS commission, and the inclusion of anti-gay violence in the hate crime statistics."

Leonard attributed the Oregon and Colorado intiatives to a backlash caused by an increasingly visible queer presence.

An intiative placed on the Oregon ballot by the Oregon Citizens Alliance, if passed, would become the first amendment in American history to take rights away from a specific group of people.

With enough signatures on a petition, any group can force a referendum question.

The intiative forbids state, local, and regional governments from promoting homosexuality.

Universities, high schools and public libraries would be required to remove any neutral or positive reference to homosexuality from books or lectures.

Canada is heading in the other direction. Most recently, queer rights have been expanded by the military dropping a policy of discrimination against homosexuals.

Leonard said there is no legislation in Canada forbidding certain sex acts between consenting adults, unlike in parts of the U.S.

Leonard said these laws differ from state to state. A Kentucky law making oral and anal sex a crime was only recently struck down by the Supreme Court.

Another recent threat to queer rights in the States is the repeal of hate crimes laws.

For example, Leonard said when "a group of white kids burned a cross on a black family's lawn," charging them under hate crimes laws was ruled to be "a violation of rights under the 1st amendment which allows people to be racist.

"A hate crime is a qualitatively different crime than a simple assualt because the hate crime is intended to cast fear on the entire community. The victim is not the only person affected," said Leonard.

The Supreme Court decided punishments could not be increased based on motivation because then you are specifically punishing them for their thoughts, said Leonard.

It is unlikely the situation in the U.S. will change much with the next election.

"Now [Bush] is running for reelection he needs the far right so he's going to do some gay bashing," said Leonard.

Although Clinton has appointed openly queer people to office, he was also governor when the Arkansas state sodomy laws were enacted.

Leonard said he expected to see anti-gay movements appear in other places, despite the results in Oregon.

"We have some good precedents to challenge these referenda. We can't have the electorate go out there and affirm discrimination legislation," said Leonard.

The only route open to queer activists is constitutional challenges, said Leonard. "Running [referenda for] affirmative legislation is very capital intensive and labour intensive."❑

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• OPINIONS •

EDITORIAL

STUDENT VOICE

The paper you are holding in your hands is published by the *Martlet* Publishing Society, a legal entity registered under the B.C. Society's act.

The society has a constitution, and a Statement of Principles as set out by Canadian University Press, the oldest student organization in Canada. This Statement outlines the beliefs and practices of members with regards to reporting, editing and coverage of news stories.

As a member of the student press, the Martlet strives to act as an agent of constructive social change. As opposed to mainstream press, we try to provide a forum for those who have no voice.

Sounds clear cut, hmm? No way there could be difficulty trying to decide how a story should be covered, eh? Well it isn't as simple as that.

Recently, a student came into our office. The student wanted us to run an unsolicited article claiming one of the people interviewed in the Martlet had made unfair statements.

The *Martlet* does not usually accept unsolicited material. Each story you read has been talked about with an editor before interviews and research begin, and has been edited twice, and proofed twice, before being run in the paper.

We had already covered the professors' and administrators' side of the issue the week before, with people alleging the student made death threats to a faculty member. No one would give us the student's name as a committee was underway.

The student's side of the story had not been covered by any of the major daily papers or television stations, although one of the professors making the allegation had his views expressed in an opinion piece in the *Times Colonist*. They chose to validate the voice of authority.

We had two options in this case, to run the student's article as an opinion piece,exactly as it was (editing only for libel), or ask a writer to cover the story as news.

With our deadline almost past, on such short notice it would be tough finding people willing to speak on this issue. It pitted professors against a student. Jobs and reputations were at stake.

It was important to cover the issue, but in what way? Do people have the right to express one side only, even if this side hasn't yet been heard? Should we write a balanced news story about every issue, or present responses to what has gone before?

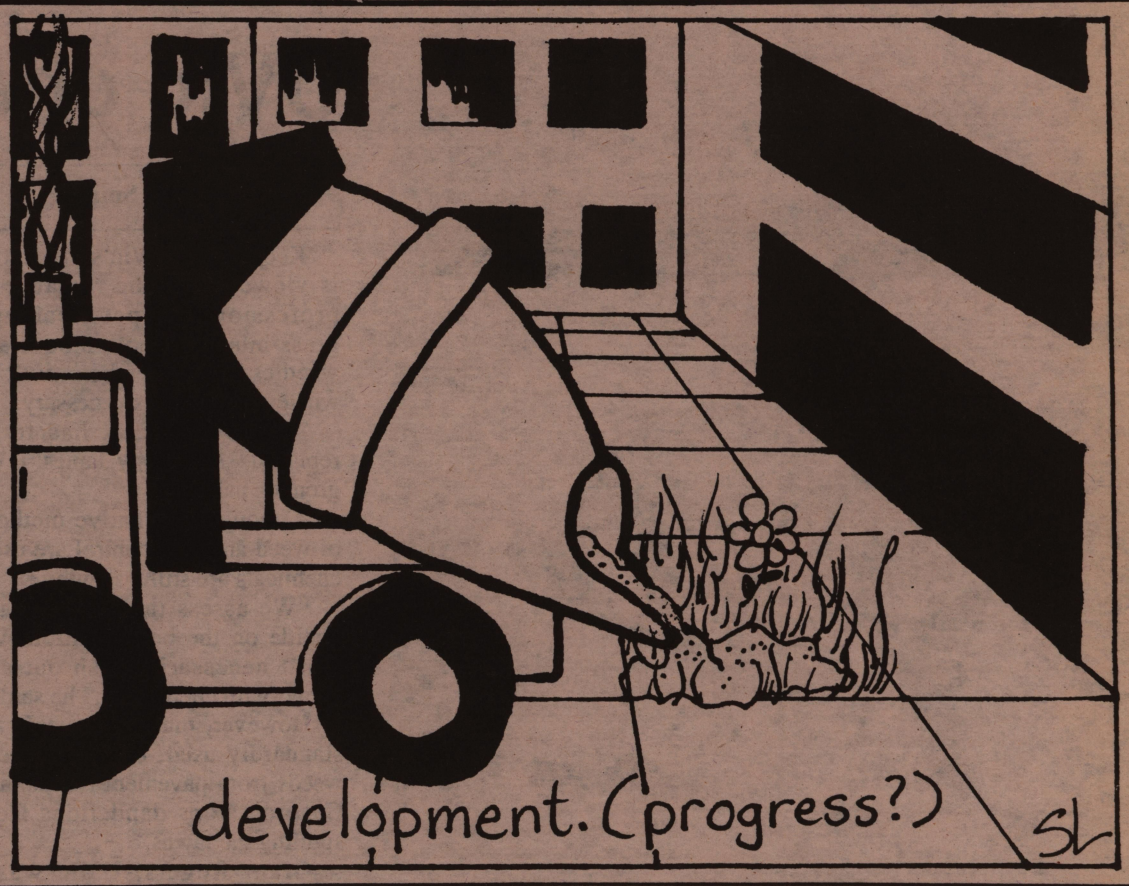
It's a tough question and we have no clear answer.

What we did was argue for over an hour. At the end we held an informal poll of all staff members present. Any UVic student can become staff and all staff have a vote at such meetings.

The most important thing was that the student's voice be heard. If possible, we decided, it would be run as a news story. We wanted to clarify the issue as much as possible - more than did too/did not. As a news story it was page one material.

It was also decided if contacts could not be found, the letter would have been run as an opinion piece to ensure both sides of the issue were still heard. In either case, the public could judge the truth for themselves.

Editorial topics are decided on by staff at editorial meetings, which happen every Monday at 3:30 p.m. in the Martlet *office. Editorials are written by one or more staffers with input from all present at the meeting.*



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Nature can manage

Editors:

Today's Times-Colonist (October 17, page A5) contains an article "By Mike Kral", "chairman of the IWA environmental committee of forestry workers of the Greater Victoria Water District." I wish to comment briefly:

When Europeans first settled in the Victoria area, less than two centuries ago, the waters of Sooke Lake were clear, clean and potable, due to the pristine characteristics (at the time) of the catchment area that feeds this lake. Since the last Ice Age, Nature did an excellent job, all by itself, to produce this precious body of water.

Mankind has decided to "manage" Sooke Lake's "catchment area" and now we have to chlorinate what used to be clean water. Why is it that Sooke Lake needs managing by a "Water Board", when it did so well on its own for thousand's of years?

I don't, for one second, believe that Mike Kral's rhetoric has anything to do with "managing" Greater Victoria's water supply. I am of the opinion that Mr. Kral is making an eleventh hour pitch for the IWA loggers, who may be told that they will be out of a job, this coming Friday.

Phil Hoen
Metchosin

Uncertain character

Editors:

With regard to the article...S.U.B. Expansion: What is so wrong with the Cornett?

The building is decried as a "confusing design". Is this the reporter's opinion, or a widely held view? Perhaps a study should be done. Whatever the result, one might ask if confusion is to be so despised. In my opinion, such a judgement could reveal a disturbingly mechanistic and reductionalist perspective! By providing a labyrinth of ever present uncertainty, the building symbolizes university life. At least it is not a dead hulk of modernism, like the McPherson library; and, unlike most recent buildings on campus, it was designed with classrooms in mind. The Cornett building has character: a fortunate accident indeed.

Alan Deacon

Snakes gone too

Editors:

Birds aren't the only animals disappearing from this campus (Martlet, 29 Oct. 1992). So far as I can tell, the Wandering Garter Snake hasn't been seen here for 10 years or so. Even the Northwest Garter Snake, which is widespread and abundant on Vancouver Island, isn't nearly as common at UVic as it used to be. Extirpating wildlife is not a noble aim for an institution of higher learning. Maybe we ought to erect future buildings on the existing artificial lawns rather than knocking out all the wildlife habitat as we do now.

I also note in the latest issue of University Affairs that UVic is applauded (or applauding itself?) for its modernized lawn sprinkler system, which will allow increased savings of water. It seems to me that a lot more water could be saved by eliminating the sprinkler system altogether and letting the natural vegetation take over, instead of manicuring the campus into oblivion.

Patrick T. Gregory
Professor, Dept. of Biology

Hidden process

Editors:

In response to both the harassment that Cam St. John and I have received from senior SUB management and fellow BoD members and the honest questions from 'ordinary' students, I'd like to set the record straight why I supported a $7,000 cutback to the Martlet subsidy rather than the $17,000 proposed by the UVSS BoD.

First, the budgeting process was a well hidden joke. After receiving the SUB Operations budgets four months later than last year, I worked for days to enter the raw financial data into a spreadsheet in order to access why so many of our businesses are losing so much money. Cam and I spent a few long nights preparing a list of questions and options for the Finance Committee. After receiving the stock answer "It's far too late to restart the budgeting process," I realized that it was pointless to continue, the budget had been decided before the Finance Committee or the Board even rubber stamped it.

Second, contrary to the inaccurate claim made by the Director of Services, "We made cuts on top of cuts last year," increase/cuts to subsidies to various areas are as follows:

SUB Operations--------(+)**$15,481**

91/92	92/93
$201,326	$216,807

Women's Centre & *Emily*----**even**

91/92	92/93
$4,500	$4,500

BoD Executives----------(-)**$163**

91/92	92/93
$79,556*	$79,393

BoD Operations---------(+)**$1,137**

91/92	92/93
$86,603	$87,740

Martlet----------(-)**$17,000**

91/92	92/93
$32,000	$15,000

*after removing $2,300 sent to SUB Productions

It was very clear that it was only the *The Martlet* who was being asked to make any serious cutbacks.

The response from the back room elite has been predictable. Using a misinterpretation of a statement made by Cam in a letter to *The Martlet*, they are misapplying sections of the UVSS Policy & Procedures and the Union Agreement to bureaucratically threaten him. More on this next week.

George S. Pringle
UVSS Director

Open policy

Editors:

In the past, you have refused to publish several cartoons I have submitted to this newspaper. Since you have a policy of publishing every letter to the editors, I now give you one of my cartoons in written form.

CARTOON: A single panel showing a t-shirt. Above the t-shirt is written "A sneak peek at what will be hot in Victoria fashion this spring..."

Written on the t-shirt is "NO, I DON'T HAVE ANY SPARE CHANGE!"

• LETTERS •

The Martlet

Quote of the week:
"You can't believe everything you read."

Electorial officer on Martlet referendum editorial

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I hope you enjoyed this cartoon.

Keith Bailey

Facility needed

Editors:

Did you know that the City Fire Department has proposed a new multipurpose facility at Ogden Point? The main structure is a large fire station. The proposal also includes a public toilet/change room facility adjacent to the fire station.

The proposed fire station is necessary to replace the obsolete James Bay station. It is a large, earthquake-proof buildong able to accommodate the City's large fire trucks. The present James Bay station is too small to accommodate these trucks.

The toilet/change facility fulfils a great need of the local scuba diving community. There are no public toilet or changing facilities in the Ogden Point area. Divers are forced to change on the public walkways. This is an embarrassment to divers and a nuisance to pedestrians. The new facility eliminates the change room problem as well as the drive to the nearest public toilet. Furthermore, the facility will have emergency response equipment for diving accidents. Quick access to emergency equipment will greatly improve safety.

To make this proposal a reality:

1.The Victoria City Council must gain permission to borrow the necessary funds. This permission is granted by the taxpayers throught a Capital Region referendum scheduled for November 1992.

2.The Coast Guard must provide a long term lease for the land at Ogden Point. The Coast Guard has not yet agreed to provide this lease. It is important to petition the Coast Guard to make this land available. The address for the Coast Guard is:

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If you support this proposal please let Mr. Baratt know.

Watch for new information about this proposal coming soon from the City of Victoria.

Ballentine Wright

Pills are good

Editors:

I am writing this in response to your article "Women and the Pill: What your doctor never told you."

I found the article to be misleading, as it only depicted the negative aspects of the birth control pill. I also find 20 people to be an inadequate representative sample, considering the number of women on campus who are taking the birth control pill.

The information in this article in some aspects may be misleading and may dicourage and frighten women from using birth control pills and alternative methods of birth control, this may lead to an increase in pregnanies, therapeutic abortions and sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS.

In asking women who have had bad experiences to come forward, it seems that you had already chosen your group of people to represent a larger group of women who take birth control pills. The main intent of your article would then seem to be to slander the birth control pill and doctors without looking at the larger population of birth control users.

I understand that the point of the article was to inform women of the dangers of birth control pill however, the examples are all rare cases, the majority of women on the birth control pill do not experience little or no side effects. I work for a general practioner in Victoria and was informed that the birth control pill DOES NOT increase you chances of breast cancer. The Birth Control Clinic also DOES NOT "push" birth control pills on patients, all patients are carefully screened and counselled before ANY method of birth control is given.

It has to be said that people are responsible for their own health which means regular check-ups, that are easily obtained at Health Services, and following up on any symptoms that occur. People also have choices in what kind of contraception they use. Their safety and their needs are most important.

I think that in the future if articles are meant to prove a point they should adequately show both sides of the issue first, in order to avoid any sort of misunderstanding.

Perhaps an option would be to print an article on the positive aspects of the birth control pill and the services that are available to obtain these, such as Health Services, the Birth Control Clinic or your family doctor.

Kim Tulloch
and Elana Burechailo

Students fund murderer

Editors:

The UVic Student's society is giving $5,000 of student money to Henry Morgentaler. Canada's most infamous and controversial murderer will by fundraising money for his legal defense fund at his November 10th UVSS sponsored speech.

Like all abortionists, Morgentaler's most common methods of killing babies are: a.) salt poisoning b.) suction.

To all anti-life people: make an intelligent choice to learn some proven medical FACTS. Life begins at conception—at this instant, an unborn baby has his/her complete, unique genetic code. By six weeks, an unborn baby has all vital organs; a human face with eyes, nose, mouth lips; perfectly developed fingers, feet and toes; arm and leg movement; and he/she feels and responds to pain.

Abortion is the killing of human beings.

I urge tall UVic students opposed to our student money going to Morgentaler to gather in the UVic Centre lobby at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10th for a silent and prayerful evening assembly. Let's let the UVSS BoD know that they can no longer take our money to serve their very narrow interests.

To those among Pro~~-Life~~ supporters who are Christians, please commit yourselves to prayer and fasting.

Laura E. Walsh

Martlet sexist

Editors:

It was with great dismay that I noted your use of sexist language in the editorial of the 22 October 1992 edition of *The Martlet*. Specifically, you refered to a hypothetical electoral officer by using the pronoun "her".

I believe that it is *Martlet* editorial policy to not use sexist language. I know that it is the policy of the UVSS and the University of Victoria.

Was the choice of that particular pronoun a deliberate attempt to somehow right the past inequities and "gender bias" with which the English language has evolved? If so, you are guilty of something akin to that greatest of hypocrisies - reverse discrimination.

Please, practice what you preach.

William Bexfield

Editors Note: The Martlet has a policy of non-sexist language - which is not necessarily gender neutral. Why shouldn't a hypothetical individual be a she? Thank you for your vigilance, and we hope you write a letter every time a hypothetical individual is a he.

Bungled bagel

Editors:

I would like to clarify my Oct. 29 comment about continuing to "...subsidize the inefficient preparation of a bagel in the SUB cafeteria..."

My comment was an exposure of SUB mismanagement by the UVSS Board of Directors, not an attack on the SUB local of the Steelworkers' Union or any of its members. I was genuinely sorry to learn that some SUB employees came to believe otherwise.

The word "inefficient" was a critique of building structure and operation; I want students to know that their money subsidizes the SUB operations during the summer.

The SUB Cafeteria and the Health Food Bar, for example, each lost $10,000 last year. It wasn't because our underpaid, overworked staff were inefficient, it was because the building remained with a winter structure during the summer - a time of sparse use.

Rectifying such screw-ups does not require layoffs or retraining; indeed, I commend the staff for their continued hard work. It is for this reason that I do not feel out of place commenting on the issue.

Cameron St. John
UVSS Director

• NATIONAL NEWS •

B.C. last for funding

by Derek McNaughton with CUP files

British Columbia might be one of the richest provinces in the country, but when government officials reach into their pockets to fund university and college education, they only pull out lint.

"B.C. ranks worst in the country" in terms of operating grants and student aid, said Dave Kappele, provincial organizer for the Canadian Federation of Students.

"In 1989, B.C. ranked fourth from the bottom and well below average on a per capita basis for funding," said Kappele."And if you look at tuition fee increases, you're looking at almost 200 per cent increase in tuition fees since 1981."

The Canadian average for fee hikes over this ten year span is about 130 per cent, say Statistics Canada figures. New Brunswick had the second highest raise in tuition costs, but B.C. has been the most inflationary by more than 50 per cent.

"This is just another example that we are not funding our education system as well as as any other province," said Kappele.

... there is little to pound the chest about when looking at provincial funding ...

And while Ontario has the Jays, the Skydome, and the CN tower to boast about, there is little to pound the chest about when looking at provincial funding there too, says a recent provincial report.

A Council of Ontario Universities (COU) report shows Nova Scotian universities to be the only ones that receives less provincial dollars than Ontario schools.

In 1989-90, the Ontario government was ranked ninth among the provinces, granting $6474 per full-time student, while Newfoundland ranked first, granting $8233.

"Ontario is unique in that the level of operating grants from government was far below average...and declined faster and further than in most other provinces," the council's report states.

COU argues no matter which indicator is used, Ontario and British Columbia universities are among the worst funded in the country.

"Whether on a per student basis, on a per capita of provincial population basis, or on the basis of some measure of wealth or income, Ontario universities rank at or near the bottom," the report states.❑

No Trek building at McGill, students protest

by Dan Robins

MONTREAL (CUP) - A Montreal student centre will not be venturing into the final frontier.

A McGill University Senate Advisory Group has quashed a student initiative to officially name a new building after Star Trek's William Shatner.

Last spring, students voted to name the new student centre after Enterprise Captain James Kirk, who studied commerce at McGill in the 1950s.

Derek Drummond, director of McGill's school of architecture and a member of the advisory committee, said the advisory group's decision was "cut and dried".

He said the group could only name buildings after people who have either given the university lots of money, or to dead people who also contributed.

"William Shatner's problem is that he breathes," he said.

Alex Usher, coordinator for the name change, said he was "disappointed but not exactly surprised," by the decision.

"William Shatner's problem is that he breaths"

"I suppose I can understand the dead part," he said, "otherwise the person might go on to do something really weird." Usher called the decision a defeat for student power at McGill. "I find it very interesting that McGill will allow students to manage the building but not give us the power to name it."

The grassroots support in favour of the name-change, however, could ensure that students call the building the Shatner Building regardless of the university's decision, he said.

McGill students voted 51 per cent in favour of the name change last year in a referendum that saw the largest voter turnout for any decision in 15 years.

Monique Shebbeare, a students' council vice-president, was mandated by a student referendum last spring to lobby the administration in favour of the name change.

When asked if she thought the decision meant she should have Shatner killed, she said, "I don't think my mandate goes that far."

Mr. Shatner could not be reached for comment.❑

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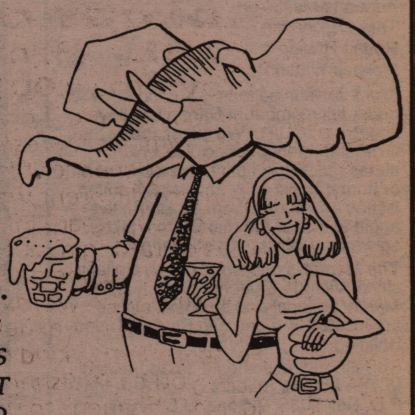

• ARTS •

"Feathers" by Miles Lowry can be seen at the Rogue gallery until Nov. 15 as part of a joint show with Vince Klassen.

Nude art sensual

by Jenny Manzer

"I just used to enjoy hanging upside down, pretending I could walk on the ceiling," said Miles Lowry, speaking of his photograph "Entos", featuring a model standing on her head.

Entos, a Greek word meaning "within", is also the name given to the Rogue Gallery's current exhibition featuring photographs by Lowry and Vince Klassen, who also has a version of "Entos".

Lowry's "Entos" depicts a Victorian bedroom with a woman naked from the waist down standing on her head.

Lowry's description of upside down as a "natural position" is reflected in the model's slightly bent leg, as if she is luxuriating.

The paradox of the Victorian bedroom and the model's stance is intended to create a "juxtaposition of ancient place and peculiar position".

A sense of ancient place is also evident in Lowry's "Black Heroine". A black-clothed woman emerges from a lake, grasping the shore. Her clothing flows into the water, suggesting a mythical element.

Klassen's attribution of dominance to the female subject is an intriguing reversal of power.

Lowry said his work is not inspired by mythology, but by a person or personality. In the case of "Black Heroine," it was dancer Lynda Raino, who was also the subject of "Entos".

"It was a cold day and she was willing to go in the water," said Lowry.

The lake is Lowry's focus again in "Mirror Lake", showing a young man perched on a rock, looking into the lake for his reflection.

"The lake is a big symbol for me," said Lowry, describing the lake as where magic happens, and part of "the flowing principle... female energy."

Vince Klassen's "Entos" exudes a different sensibility than "female energy" and shows the face of a bare-shouldered woman, whose eyes are tilted away from view.

Several of Klassen's other pieces show nudes in a range of sensual poses.

"Whatta You Lookin' At" comprises a series of four photographs of a defiant woman in a black cap and bra. In the third photo she towers over a male model, clutching his hair. Klassen's attribution of dominance to the female subject is an intriguing reversal of power.

"*Entos*" is a fascinating exhibition that provokes the observer to reflect on the possible stories in the black and white images. "*Entos*" runs at the Rogue Gallery in Market Square until Nov. 15.❑

Blood 'n' guts fest amuses the twisted

Frankenstein 3-D
directed by Paul Morissey
Roxy Cine - Gog
October 31

by Matthew Ramsey

If you missed *Frankenstein 3-D* at the Roxy, you missed a chance to lose your Halloween lunch in a spectacle of blood, guts, and bizarre sex.

The loosely based adaptation of Shelley's classic novel was directed by Paul Morrissey, one of the Warhol clan. The film typifies that group's sarcastic humour.

The script is boring and repetitive, the actors are hopeless, stuttering painfully through their lines like a dry razor on a week's worth of stubble.

Excepting the Doctor and Igor, the characters are as dead as the evil monsters roaming the screen.

Dr. Frankenstein is wonderfully mad. The scrutiny with which he approaches his monsters tests our psyches, and our stomachs.

In one horrid scene the Doctor has sex with the female monsters entrails claiming that "To truly know death one must fuck a live gall bladder."

For some, the blood and gore is one of the funnier aspects of the movie. As the players are disemboweled or decapitated their guts hang out over the audience in an all encompassing gush of blood.

Dr. Frankenstein's five minute death speech is particularly amusing, as he grips a pole with one of his vital organs impaled on its tip.

Thrilling 3-D effects are bats and fish which fly down your throat or swim into your eyes. The best are the most repugnant scenes of missing limbs, dangling livers, and gaping body sockets.

Morrissey has made a deliberate attempt to disgust his audience to the point of physical sickness for the sake of humour. The acting is abysmal, the sex pointless, and the slaughter is repulsive, yet it all mixes into a delightful potion guaranteed to amuse the least lively of friends.

Serious viewers are warned. There are no academy award nominations in this film. Don't look for them, as you will be disappointed and probably infirm after *Frankenstein 3-D*.❑

Bhones back in town

Jho Nek Bone
self-titled demo
independent, 1992

by Ross Arm

Jho Nek Bhone will be at Harpo's Nov. 5 as part of an ongoing 23 date Canadian tour. They will be back Dec. 4 at Felicita's to finish the tour, after several prairie gigs.

A passion for living, and a humble knowledge...

The tour supports their recent work, released on a four song sampler cassette, and is soon to be available as part of a longer CD.

The four songs on the sampler cover a variety of sounds and styles.

"I Hurt My Brain" addresses the anxiety felt by someone who wants to be alone, when their partner shows up at the door. However, the pop style is much too happy to be taken seriously.

"The Violence of a New Dawn" features angst ridden vocals in an Indigo Girls, 'life is big and impressive' style.

"Sally" is about a woman who doesn't want to get married. For this track, the happy style does fit and the result is a great dance tune.

"Cold Grey Sky" is a mournful track which brings to mind images of wind swept beaches and trenchcoats.

A passion for living, and a humble knowledge of the magnitude of the world, and the smallness of people runs through all four songs.

It is remarkable this sense of wonder comes through in their practiced pop style that is more typical of light-weight, non-thought, top 40 music.

This clean style may be attributed to the their new producer, Marc Raemer, who has worked with k.d. lang and Queensryche.❑

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(61 min.)
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Buddhism is not a doctrine or a dogmatic system of teaching in which one is supposed to believe. All of its propositions are probes in which the teacher suggests an experiment in response to the student's posing of a problem. The student finds that he is desiring not to desire and that he's in a vicious circle which is exactly what Buddha wanted him to find out.

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THIS IS A LESBIAN WHORE'S TEXT. GIRLFRIENDS: DROP ROXANA AND THROW FANNY HILL OUT THE WINDOW. I AM SUPERHO AND I WILL GIVE YOU THE TRUTH. LET ME TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT.

Vancouver (CUP) I had always wanted to whore and I decided to do it. First, I got a friend to pimp for me, that is, she agreed to sit in my living room while I turned tricks in the bedroom. I had decided to work Broadway, just because it was close to my place and I had seen women there.

I had some trouble dressing and making up at first. My pimp (that butch) couldn't help me, but soon I affected a sort of disguise. I walked to Broadway. I noted the popular shifts in energy. I put my thumb out; cars pulled up.

I learned the whore's first lesson: what a date is. A date is a man who supports the *commodification* and violent oppression of women; in other words, any man who pays a prostitute (or watches a stripper or reads pornography). All dates by definition are base, perverted, violent, shallow, and hypocritical.

On Broadway, the men were willing to waste my time. Terrified of cops, I would jump into cars right away, only to find the men had no money, were not looking, or wanted to pretend I was an extraordinarily well made-up hitchhiker.

After some trouble I got a trick, got him into my apartment and turned him and got him out.

Throughout my first date, I felt mostly astonishment. I was astonished when the date coughed the money, I was astonished when I took my clothes off, I was astonished when I felt the trick's body heat, but most of all I was astonished when the trick came.

"Men are fucked," I crowed to my pimp as I paid her off.

After my first date I went walking in a kind of ecstatic trance. I felt very turned on as I remembered the heat from the trick's groin, and when I thought of the money I now had, I positively trembled with excitement. The events of the date now seemed very ephemeral. I wondered if the money would still be in the apartment when I returned.

I dropped my pimp quite soon and turned tricks on Broadway at a frantic rate. Broadway is a wide street; I ran around and around its blocks all night.

One night I opened a van's door and a cruiser pulled up behind, lights and sirens on. I slammed the van's door and kept walking. The trick's van went past, and the pigs were on me. I walked and they followed for sixteen blocks. Finally, I lost my temper. I approached the cruiser and knocked on the window, which was slowly lowered. Skinny stared from the wheel; Fatty stared from the passenger seat.

"All dates by definition are base, perverted, violent, shallow, and hypocritical."

"Quit working Broadway, lady," said Skinny.

It was my second lesson: there are enough pigs in enough pig cars to follow lone hookers around for forty minutes at a time, or in other words, the state pays big money to keep hookers down.

I kept working Broadway and was eventually "caught" again. The pig called in the pro pigs, amongst them Skinny. The cops and I exchanged some lies, arguments and threats.

Suddenly Skinny said, "Look, go down to Quebec and Fourth. We let the girls work there."

So, I walked to Quebec and Fourth. I found women crowded on to a few strictly designated blocks, cruisers carpeting the streets, and dates and too many lookers circling. I lured and turned tricks with no problems I couldn't solve.

My modus operandi was to watch the other women carefully, watch my own ass even more carefully, and stay modest.

I attracted attention. Four glam rocker male pimps in a cheap car stopped, threatened me some, and asked me who I was working with.

"Haven't you heard? This is a pimp free zone," I told them. I reached into the car to tweak their cheesy leather caps. They buckled with rage.

"You're a crazy bitch," they told me, drove around the block and returned.

"Hastings is a pimp free zone," they then told me. "You should work there."

"Is that right," I responded.

They then drove around the block yet again. Then they told me they'd "get someone" to kill me if I didn't get off "their" corner. Finally two came out of the car at me. I sauntered across the street like I wanted to anyway.

These losers were the most effectual pimps I was to meet. Others contented themselves with yelling, cataloguing or critiquing my clothes, and calling me names. I would snarl and curl my fist at them. No pimp at Quebec and Fourth ever touched me or even significantly affected my work.

One night I blithely climbed into an undercover pig car and was completely astonished when we were stopped by the other car on his team and I was busted.

"But you pigs told me I could work on that strip," I protested. A sense of betrayal overwhelmed me, quickly followed by enormous self-incriminations because I had believed what a pig had told me.

The pig took me for a long ride. I chatted with him from the back seat. "You motherfucking lying date of a pig, you deeply closeted mustachioed pig, doesn't it bother your manhood to do women like this?"

When the pig let me out, I walked back to the date/pig car which had first picked me up and which had obediently followed the car I'd been in. I opened the door and leaned into the pig's sallow face.

"You know you'll burn in hell, you ugly coward pig," I said. And you know everyone hates you."

Everyone does not hate me," the pig answered. He pointed to his partner, who was hastily approaching the car. "He likes me."

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I tipped back my head and laughed. "Well, what is the homoeroticsubtext," I asked them.

I went on to learn my lessons in criminal gender politics. I have been making money criminally most of my adult life, but in male dominated or gender neutral crimes. I learned that because sex work is a female dominated crime, the whore puts up with outrageous human rights abuses that the pigs don't dare to pull on male or mixed gender criminal groups.

I hereby inform the public that the pigs take multiple photographs and stats on all women they force into their (un)official red light districts, *without charging them*. Imagine the outcry if the pigs tried to pull that on the tricks, or say, dealers at Pigeon Park, or punks on Robson.

"Haven't you heard? This is a pimp-free zone."

The pigs foster a comfortable paternalistic attitude to the women they are paid to keep down. They insist on first names, they ask us about our feelings and how much money we make. They frequently promise to run bad tricks and pimps in exchange for information.

As time went on I got bolder and bolder with the tricks. The depths of their depravity became known and therefore vulnerable to me. Men paid me ever larger sums for ever sillier reasons. Good nights and easy tricks sent me into a sort of cocky hysteria. I became proud. My sex life soared.

I was busted again, despite my best efforts. This time I refused to blame myself.

The following night, because the bust had prevented me making any money, greed or desperation made me ignore my mind's ringing caution bells and I got into a car containing two suburb boys who figured taking a whore for a ride was a profitable crime. The driver began listing a series of violent plans concerning me, and I listened for a few minutes or seconds transfixed. Then I threw myself out his window. We scuffled and he landed several blows.

The boys drove off, and the car behind us called an ambulance and pigs. I dismissed the ambulance. The pigs hung around. I stretched myself on the street and cried. The neighbors gather and made a party of it, laughing and chatting loudly with the pigs. Eventually, I got up, dusted myself off, and walked home.

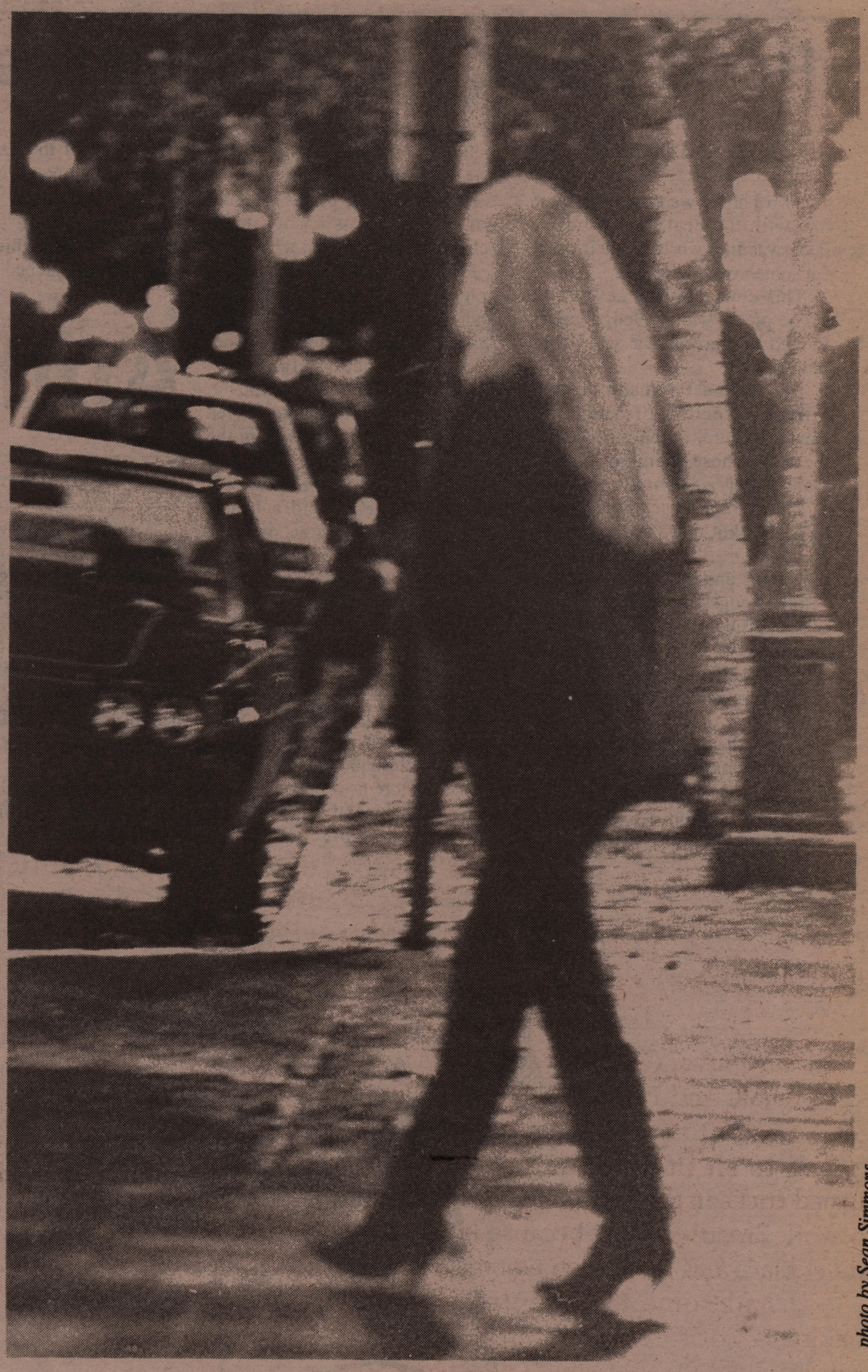
That attack set me back, but it couldn't stop me. When I returned to the strip, I had my first helpful talk with one of the other women. She opened the conversation with several horrible threats and closed with a warning to raise my prices.

I instantly did so. I began to make more and faster.

I became healthy and alert. Every night I had moments of piercing excitement: I would see my own red blood suffuse my corneas, over and over. My heart beat so fast it would bring out strange qualities in me: an air of gracious condescension, a delusion of giantesque stature, hyperawareness.

Although I feel now that I know enough about prostitution to work efficiently (that is, to avoid busts, beatings, and rip-offs most of the time), I find it impossible to state a theory of prostitution. Part of the reason for this is that prostitution is as complex as the gender oppression of which it is a microcosm.

Another part of the reason is that the local realities of sex work constantly changes as women look for safer and easier ways to make money and the pigs slowly catch and come down.



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I believe women in their oppressed state invented prostitution. Prostitution is a way for women to profit by their *commodification*: Men would prefer if women *commodified* themselves for free all the time. As an initiative of women, prostitution, like all other woman identified activities, must be subverted to serve the patriarchy. And it is.

The state sets up prostitution to provide safety for tricks and all men, and to ensure that whores are exposed to assaults and rip-offs without any support.

Girlfriends, I tell you: I'll never stop prostituting. Maybe tomorrow I'll fuck your father or your boyfriend. Will you know about it?

One day prostitutes will advance themselves and I will, too. Girlfriends, will you know what to say then?

RHO AWAITS PIG-FREE ZONE

• ARTS •

Poetry and dance together in *Reveries*

by Tara O'Donovan

Two bodies were moving as if one with the beat of the music. Each was in a world of their own, yet somehow connected.

This connection is key to the dance piece "Holly Hedge", performed by Lori Hamar and David Ferguson.

Hamar and Ferguson are co-artistic directors of Suddenly Dance Theatre, a non-profit organization whose premiere performance, *Reveries: An Evening Contemporary Dance Poetics,* will be at the UniCentre auditorium on Nov. 8.

Hamar and Ferguson said the "Holly Hedge" number is a particularly difficult and new challenge for them. A nine foot platform will allow Hamar to dance directly above Ferguson, but unable to see him.

When they formed the company last January to provide opportunities for local dancers, they envisioned a kind of dance theatre, combining dance with poetry, drama, and music.

"Poetry and dance come from the same place," said Ferguson.

Hamar said the pieces are "not trying to get across a story, but a feeling that comes from it".

Reveries features the choreography of Ferguson, Hamar, Qassandra Bachand, Janice Hope, and Charlotte Vanderwolf of Victoria.

The ten dancers, eight from Victoria and two from Vancouver, use their bodies to evoke buried emotions and fresh ideas from the audience.

Also featured in the show will be special guest Sandra Lockwood, who will sing accompaniment to one piece, and recite poetry.

Combined with music the effect is captivating

Another piece included in the performance is "Red Light, Green Light", a childhood game Hamar uses to explore how people's lives are controlled by others.

Ferguson's piece "Heirophants", or pillars of knowledge, uses many of the dancers as live props. Combined with music, the effect is captivating.

Lori said her objective is achieved if "something inside [the audience] is touched", as Reveries simply tries to explore the unexplored .

Tickets are available at the Macpherson box office outlets, and at the door. $10 for students, seniors, and the unwaged, and $12 for the general public.❑

Author brings youth

by Brett Grubisic

Ann Decter gave a reading from her new book *Paper, Rocks, Scissors* (Pressgang Publishers) on Nov. 2 for a SUB Productions/LGBA event.

Decter is a Winnipeg-born writer who is co-managing editor of Women's Press, a feminist publishing company in Toronto. UVic is the first stop on her month long tour.

The selections she read from *Paper, Rocks, Scissors* showed off her strong poetic sensibility.

In "Hatred", Jane, the central character in the novel, confronts Nature and History in the form of an unruly hedge while living in a cabin on the Canadian shield.

While she does this, she tries to come to grips with the world and herself.

She talks about the violence and hatred she sees in different places and times, from sexual and racial hatred to inter-familial crises she witnessed as a child.

Decter's language and style are delightfully mixed-up, and filled with evocative images and metaphors such as "clouds with Puritan collars".

It is loving, ironic , and nostalgic when she captures the decidedly comic aspects of her immigrant grandparents.

Paper, Scissors, Rock is Decter's first novel, but hopefully not the last example of her creative, artistic development.

"New religion" gets chuckles from audience

by Jodi West

The new religion is acquisition and its church, the mall, is filled with celestial muzak. So began Joyce Nelson's first poem, "Temple of Fashion", as part of a continuing series set up by the creative writing department.

Ironically, it was published in a Toronto Jesuit monthly journal. This poem was her revenge: a rebate for collection from the Catholic church.

Nelson's analytic wit gripped the audience with its twisted humour, and cynical giggles emerged.

She continued with a self-confessed unpolitically correct poem, "Down Among the Trees", returning us to childhood's games of warriors and captures in the woods.

She began a poem called "The Tooth" and seriousness pervaded the room. She shatters the childhood saviour, Mum, when the mother of the poem ignores the speaker's pleas of abuse by slapping the child.

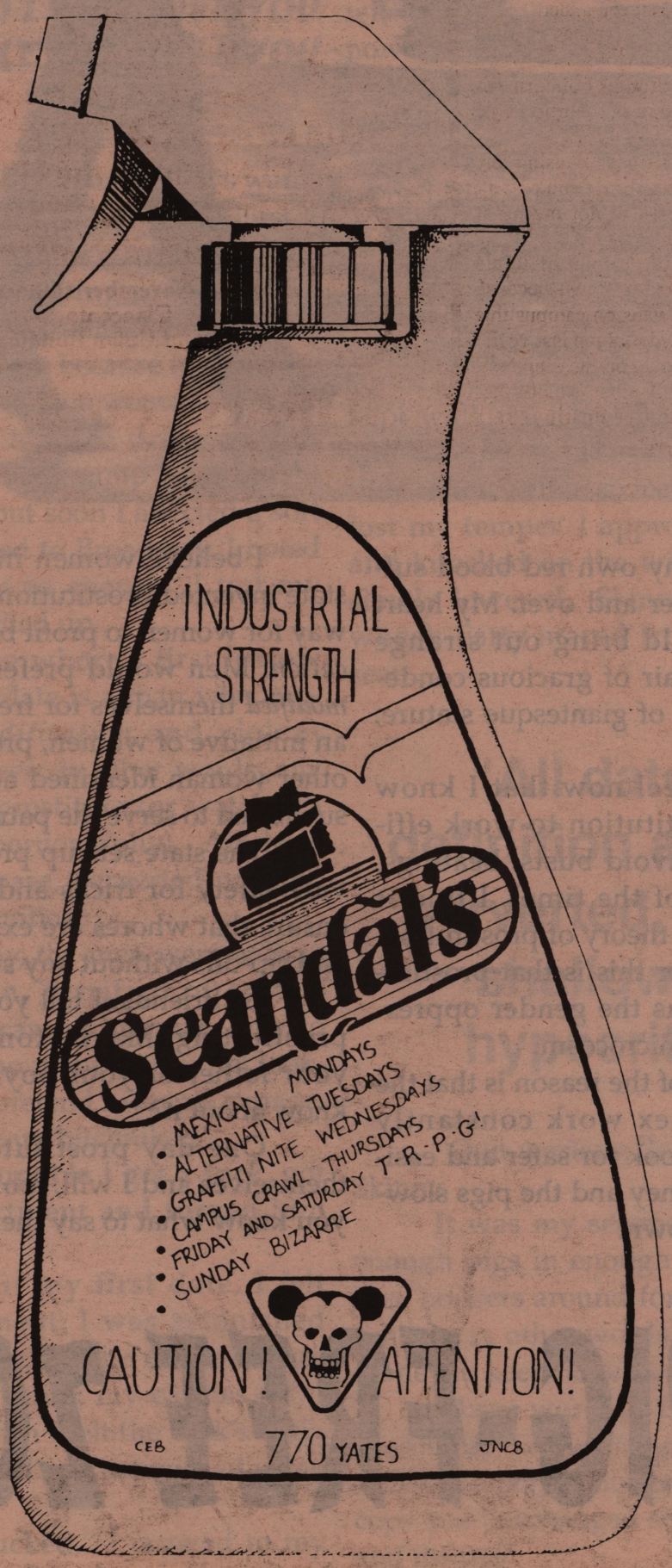
Nelson returned to lighter ground with "First Love Manifesto" where she toyed with twisted words like "adjectival juice" and "come down on nouns".

She finished the reading as she began, with a satirical look at the archetypal DC comics. She laments the demise of Supergirl's death due to unpopularity.

In dying for the multiverse (many universes), Batgirl notes "being a hero is measured by courage shown in living". Superman, unphased, will continue on the crusade to keep the world in happy order away from enemies.

In the end, she let the audience choose what they wanted to hear.

Left with a lot to think about, people can satisfy their gnawing brain hunger every Friday until the end of the series. Contact the creative writing department for more information.❑



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• NEWS •

photo by Shawn Hall

John Kelson of Conservation International putting some green back into campus Oct. 27.

New trees for toner

by Shawn Hall

A Victoria company is turning used printer cartridges into trees - and public relations points.

Canadian Laser Products has vowed to plant one tree for every used and returned cartridge, as they are trying to raise awareness about recycling.

Sandy Faria, company president, said, "This is mainly an incentive to get those who are not recycling not to throw them in the garbage."

On Oct. 27, Canadian Laser Products got together with Conservation International Canada and the Capital Regional District to plant 60 native cedars in the brush behind the MacLaurin building, as there are as yet no plans to cut the area for new buildings.

Faria said she was surprised more students didn't show up for the planting, since many show up when trees are cut.

The company hopes to do another UVic planting in the spring, and they are planting 250 trees in Goldstream park this fall.

Lorenzo Mele, residential recycling coordinator for the CRD, said the purpose of the planting was "a promotional program for the company", and an opportunity for Conservation International to make itself known in Canada.

John Kelson, the projects officer for Conservation International and tree planter, said, "I don't care that much what happens to these trees."

What is more important than these individual trees is the push for public awareness of environmental issues, he said.

Mele said the message is still valid. "It's really important that we get across the fact that it makes a lot of sense to reduce," he said. "The trees become symbolic."

Conservation International does projects which try to create economic benefits, and are "at the very forefront of conservation, biology, and research in Canada," he said.❑

Students forced to live in vans

by Derek McNaughton with CUP files

VANCOUVER (CUP) - Students living in Volkswagen vans and campers are about to wake up to frosty windows this month as Capilano College officials turn up the heat.

Five Capilano College students living in their vans or RVs since September could be forced to drive their homes off campus by Nov. 1.

The students, clustered on a campus parking lot like a small community, have very little money and live this way because few alternatives are available.

In a letter sent to the vagabonds last week Dr. Robert, the school's vice president of student services, said, "In the past the College has turned a blind eye to this sort of activity; however, an increasing number of complaints from other members of the College Community has left us no choice but to prohibit this activity.

"Those persons continuing to violate this order will have their vehicles removed at the owners' risk and expense," he added.

Student Ed Pearce has camped on college property for nearly two years. This sudden concern for campus campers is a surprise, he said.

"We haven't been causing any problems, we don't make any loud noises, we're not messy at all."

Pearce said college officials might be cracking down because there are five vans on campus this year as opposed to three last year.

Rootless souls on the University of Victoria campus would likely meet a similar destiny, said Traffic and Security manager Don Marykuca. "We wouldn't fine them as long as they're properly permitted. But our fellas would come by and advise them about the Saanich by-law."

The Saanich by-law "prohibits the use of land for home occupation...sleeping or residence, unless expressly permitted."

The fine for such free-style living is $100 per day. Currently, there are no known campers on UVic's campus, although there have been in the past, especially during September when Victoria housing can be scarce.

The Capilano campers' presence, however, has proven beneficial to the college. Because of their location, campers can identify occasional 4 x 4 trucks that tear across college lawns, causing maintenance crews to cringe.

The parking lot community also watches for vandals and thieves who might wander onto school property.

Most of the students' day-to-day needs, such as showers and laundry, are met by the college's sports complex. Cooking is mostly done on kitchenettes contained in the campers.

Meanwhile, student council members voted unanimously to oppose the school's intended actions.

"This whole problem is indicative of the plight faced by a growing number of college and university students across the province," said Melanie O'Neil, student council chair.

"It is cold-hearted for the college administration to simply evict these students," she said.

Unable to afford rent and ineligible for student loans, the students have continued their education despite the difficulties of living in a van or RV.❑

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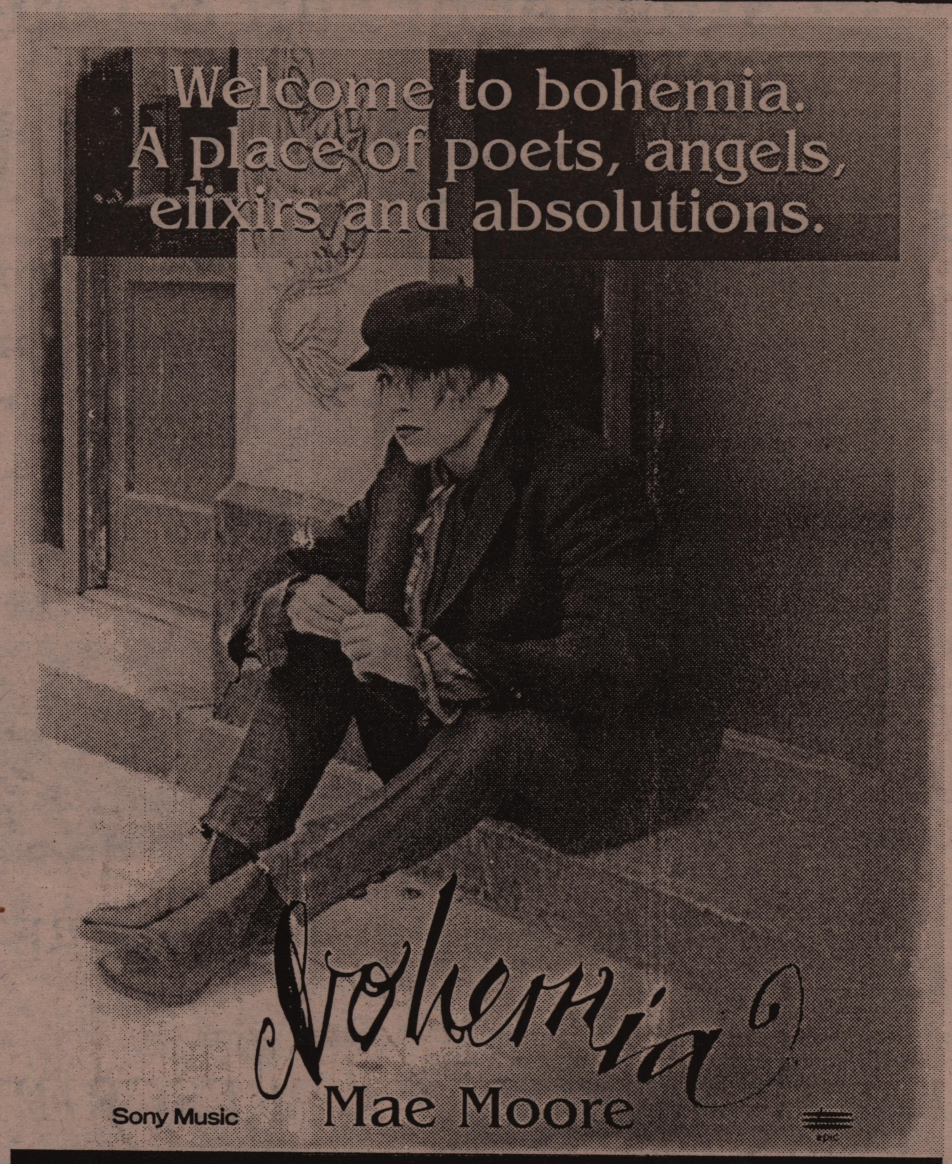

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• NEWS •

Board grills Pringle in question period

by Alisa Smith

At the UVic Students' Society board meeting Nov.2, the board went behind closed doors to discuss who would replace the SUB administrative co-ordinator, Brian Webster.

The board agreed on an outside candidate - deciding how his name is spelled seemed to be more difficult.

"Actually, I think the *Martlet* was going to sue me."

For the sake of accuracy, this reporter asked for the spelling of Morris Blank's last name.

Director Jeanette Ozard volunteered "R-e-d-e-k-o-p-f."

No wait, said another director. "That's R-e-d-d-e-c-o-p."

Finance director Marne Jensen volunteered, in a measured tone, "R-e-d-e-c-o-p-p." The board assured this reporter Jensen's version was correct.

The board also used question period to grill director George Pringle.

Director Matt Pollard said, "I have a question for George. Are you graduating this year, or are you running next year [for the board]?"

Pringle said, "I have put in an application for graduation. But Kelly [Greenwell] graduated last year, and it didn't stop him from running."

Pollard said he'd been rummaging in his room the other night, and came across last year's election platforms.

"Yours said you were going to reduce *the Martlet* subsidy by 25 per cent each year over the next four years, until it is nothing. Are you still planning to carry that out? Does that mean you are going to be around for the next four years?"

Pringle said, "Well, *the Martlet* subsidy was cut by $7,000 this year, which is about a 25 per cent cut from last year. As for next year, I'll have to assess the situation next year, to see if they can still put out a paper on that amount."

The director of academics, Julie Hewlett, jumped in. "I'm glad you brought that up. So George, are you dropping your libel suit, or slander or whatever it was, against *the Martlet*?"

Pringle said, "Actually, I think *the Martlet* was going to sue me."

During committee reports, Hewlett had an update on the board's second big speaker, Dr. Henry Morgentaler.

She said the Pro-Choice Action Network was upset they were not included in planning the event, so they have threatened to protest.

The director of services, Kelly Greenwell, said there was a big problem with financial aid to students - 500 could not afford food or rent, even though they applied for loans in June. A new distribution system has slowed loan processing, and one of two crucial directors was on holidays.

The board chose the fifth delegate to the Canadian Federation of Students conference in Ottawa: Lawrence Lewis, a member of the Native Students' Union.❑

Peacekeeper on campus

by Robert Rubido

Major General Lewis MacKenzie, the former Canadian Armed Forces commander in Sarajevo, spoke on United Nations peacekeeping in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Nov. 2 at Cinecenta.

The conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina began last April, with small contingents of UN soldiers in Sarajevo.

In Bosnia-Herzegovina elections in March, the people voted for independence (Serbs boycotted the election). The European community announced April 6 they would recognize Bosnia. Shelling by Serbian forces on Sarajevo began April 5.

On MacKenzie's suggestion, a Canadian battalion stationed in Croatia was sent to Sarajevo to carry out a UN mandate to keep open the airport at Sarajevo.

These soldiers were welcomed as liberators, but feelings cooled within two days; the residents of Sarajevo were disillusioned as shelling continued unabated, MacKenzie said.

MacKenzie said he has been accused by Croats and Muslims of favoring the Serbs, but emphasized his neutrality between the sides in the conflict in the former Yugoslavia.

He told the audience his main concern has been getting humanitarian relief through to the people, without concerning himself with the issues behind the conflict.

MacKenzie said the media was his "number one weapon" while in Sarajevo. During negotiations with Croation, Muslim and Serb sides, if he encountered any uncooperativeness he would threaten to present his case to the media: "I'm going to nail your butt tonight on CNN."❑

erratum: *In the story of Oct. 29, "Speaker may incite protest," it was said that Valery Lengert was the president of the B.C. Family Coalition Party. Lengert is not head of the FCP and is not a member. She is the president of the Victoria Pro-Life Society. We are sorry for any misunderstanding.*

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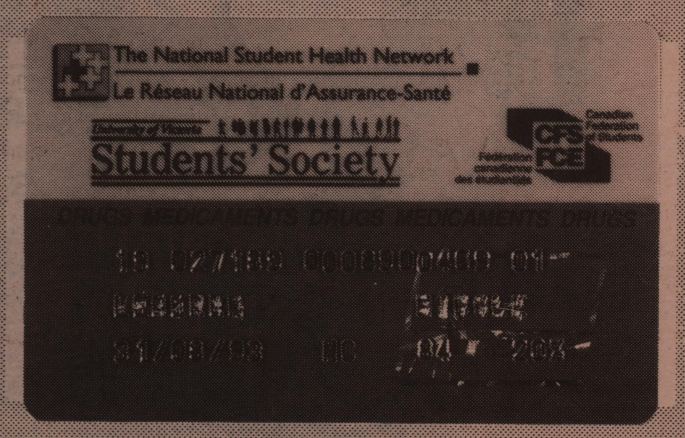

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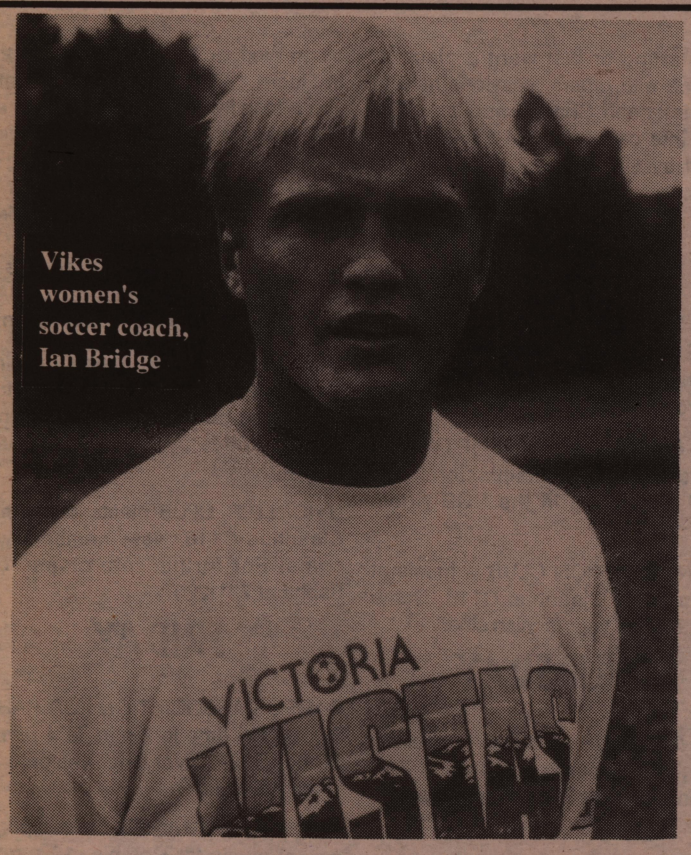

Vikes women's soccer coach, Ian Bridge

Bridge helps team

by Edward Sem

In just three seasons, the coach of the Vikes women's soccer team has taken them from playing local island competitors to big time Canadian universities.

Ian Bridge the coach behind the emerging Vikes women's soccer program has transformed what was an extremely strong club team into an immediate success in the ranks of the CIAU.

Granted the Vikes had a statistically poor season, but like new franchises in any league it will take some time before the Island team can challenge for the Inter-university championship.

A coach who understands only too well what it takes to be a winner at the highest level will certainly play a major role in the development of the program.

"I offer this team plenty of international experience which is paralleled only by men's coach Bruce Wilson," said Bridge whose career has taken him from Switzerland to Victoria.

The Vikes will be a dominant force in Canada West and the CIAU in two or three years.

After many years away from Victoria, Bridge returned to play for the now defunct Victoria Vistas of the Canadian Soccer League. At the same time, the opportunity to coach the Vikes women's soccer team fell into his lap.

Bruce Wilson, coach of the Vistas and the Vikes, told Bridge about an opening in the women's program. Wilson recommended Bridge and he was accepted.

Coming into this season, Bridge geared up his team for top flight university soccer in the Canada West division - an accomplishment Bridge is proud of.

Unfortunately, the usual ups and downs of a season were mainly downs for the first year team, but at least it is a start.

Bridge says that with a little more preparation and the assistance offered by a scholarship program, the Vikes "will be a dominant force in Canada West and the CIAU in two to three years."❑

Teams vie for Island positions, mixed results in weekend scrums

by Andrew Duffy

As the Victoria weather takes its inevitable turn for the worst, rugby teams all over the Island continue their battles against each other and the elements in search of the Island Union championship.

All four University of Victoria teams were in action this weekend, and the foul weather coupled with some 'foul play' made for a miserable day or two for some of UVic's players.

The first division Vikings were the most disappointed with their results, as the varsity side was roughed up by their arch rivals James Bay.

The Bays, always a tough side, proved simply too strong for the Vikes. Led by sometime Canada player Bobby Ross the Bays defeated the Vikes 46-0.

Results were a little better for the second division teams who were in action on Sunday. The Norsemen had a relatively easy time of their game against the Oak Bay Castaways, beating them 34-0. Mark O'Regan led the UVic squad with four penalties and a conversion and Lee Christensen had two tries.

The second division Saxons were not quite so lucky. The student team could only manage a 13-13 tie against the always tough Cowichan side.

"Our last few games have been good wins and this team is slowly realizing that it has potential."

The roller coaster season of the under-19 Jutes has been on the upswing for the past two weeks. After beating the Castaways last week, the Jutes beat their next door neighbours, the Velox Valhallians 13-5.

The marginal win marks a great improvement in the Valhallian team which had been blown out by UVic in previous years.

Jute coach Dave Scott was quite pleased with his team's performance and admitted that the team is still improving.

"We're in pretty good shape," Scott said. "Our last few games have been good wins and this team is slowly realizing that it has potential.

"We had our problems early in the year," Scott conceded, "but now we are coming into form. This weekend we played well against a vastly improved Velox team, and last weekend we had a great game against Oak Bay."

Standout Jared Proby again led the junior side to victory with a try. David MacLachlan also managed to score one try and added a conversion.❑

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FRIDAY 6

DANCE

FEATURING NORTHERN JUNK, hosted by the Society of Geography Students from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Velox Rugby Club. Tix $6.

SATURDAY 7

WALK

UNITY WALK - first annual intercultural, interracial, interfaith at 1 p.m. Beacon Hill park (gather at the parking lot by the petting zoo). Sponsored by the Baha'i communities of Victoria.

SUNDAY 8

DANCE

SUDDENLY DANCE THEATRE'S premiere performance - *Reveries: An Evening of Contemporary Dance Poetics* at 8 p.m. in the UniCentre Auditorium. Tix are $10.

MONDAY 9

SYMPOSIUM

CURRENT BUSINESS TRENDS including a presentation on AIDS/HIV in the workplace. From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Camosun College, Landsdowne Campus. Everyone is welcome! For more info call 474-5349.

PRESENTATION

UVIC REC RUNNING CLUB is sponsoring a presentation on running and training strategies. All welcome - all levels. 6:30 p.m. in the apparatus gym.

TUESDAY 10

LECTURE

DR. HENRY MORGENTALER will be speaking on humanism and rights to abortion at the UniCentre auditorium. UVic students $10, other students $12. For reserved seating call 386-6121. For more info call Lauri Nerman at 721-8972.

GARRY OAK MEADOW SOCIETY invites all interested to an open lecture in Begbie 159 at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Victoria Natural History Society.

CELEBRATION

MONTREAL'S 350 ANNIVERSARY celebration from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Club Carlton, Esquimalt. Lots of French music.

WEDNESDAY 11

WORKSHOP

CONSENSUS is a particular way of making decisions, learn how to use it from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Clearihue room C305. To sign up contact VIPIRG SUB 144 or 721-8629.

PUBLIC SPEAKING workshop will be take place from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Clearihue room C305. For more info contact VIPIRG, SUB 144 or 721-8629.

UPCOMING

FUND RAISER for the Cerebral Palsy association will be held at the multipurpose room of the G.R. Pearkes Centre for Children, 3970 Haro Road. Nov. 12 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 7:30 to 9 p.m. For more info call 382-2890.

THE INVESTOR'S WORLD - a presentation explaining how the investment world operates, Nov. 12 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Central Library multipurpose room. Admission is free but pre-registration is requested at 382-7241.

KAYE SUTTILL will give an illustrated talk about the fascinating plants of South Africa. Everyone is welcome, free admission. 7:30 p.m. at the Swan Lake Nature Centre.

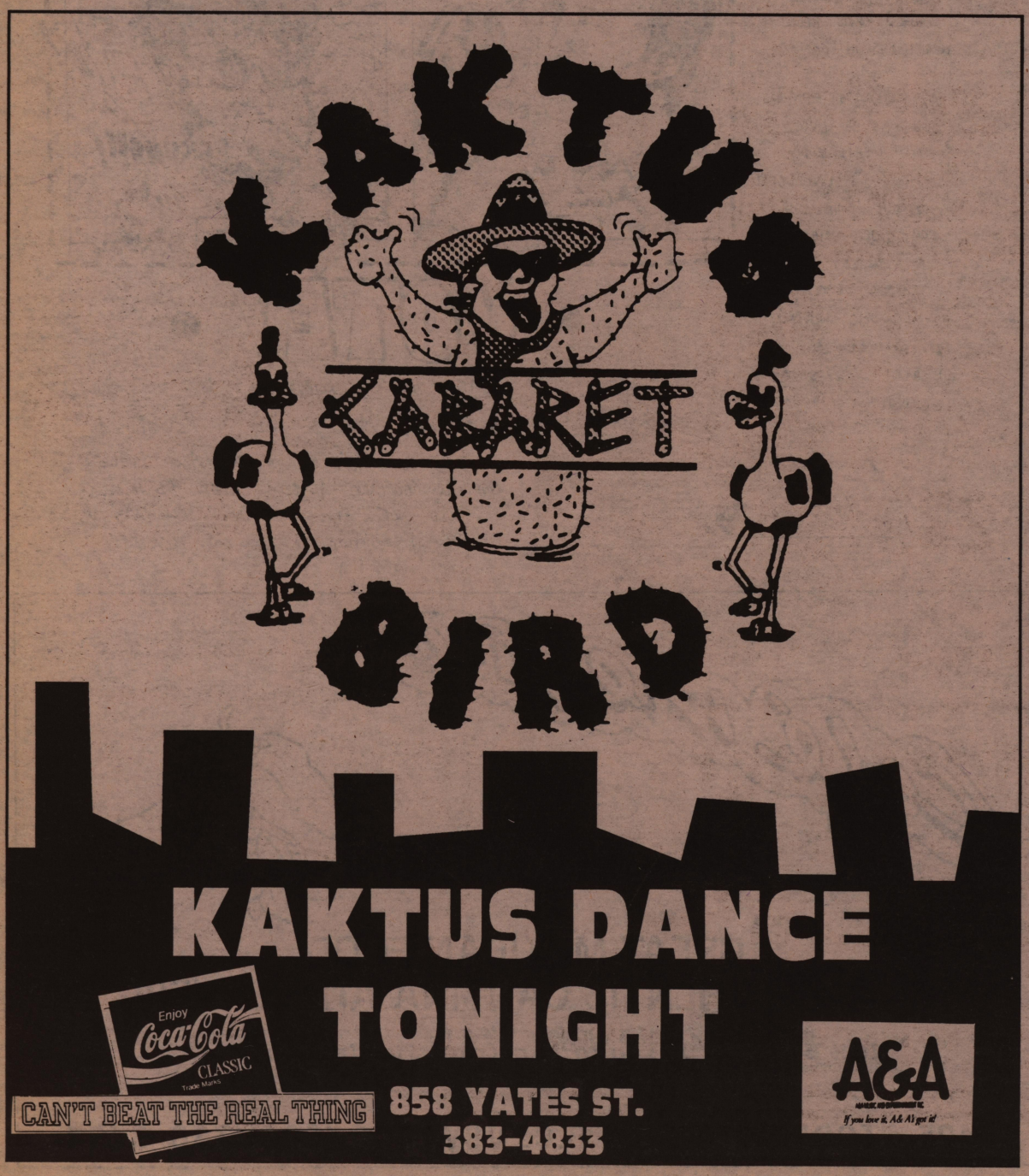
SILVER AND GOLD will be playing Saturday, Nov. 14 1992 at UVic Centre, Matinee at 2 p.m., Evening at 8 p.m. For tix and info call 384-3831.

MARK AND DELIA OWENS will give a slide presentation on conservation and educational programs in North Luangwa National Park on Nov. 15. For more info call 387-5745. Tix available at the McPherson Box Office and Hillside Ticket Centre.

VICTORIA YOUTH ORCHESTRA presents its fall concert at the UniCentre auditorium, Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. Tix are $4 students, $7 for others. For more info call 477-3870.

CHAMBER MUSIC BY STUDENTS from UVic's school of music will be held at Cinecenta from noon to 1 p.m. on Nov. 18. For more info call 721-8972.

CAREER JOB APPLICATION deadline approaching for: management trainee program by Nov. 13, London Life by Nov. 15, Bank of Canada by Nov. 20, Prudential Assurance by Nov. 25. Contact the Student Employment Centre on campus.



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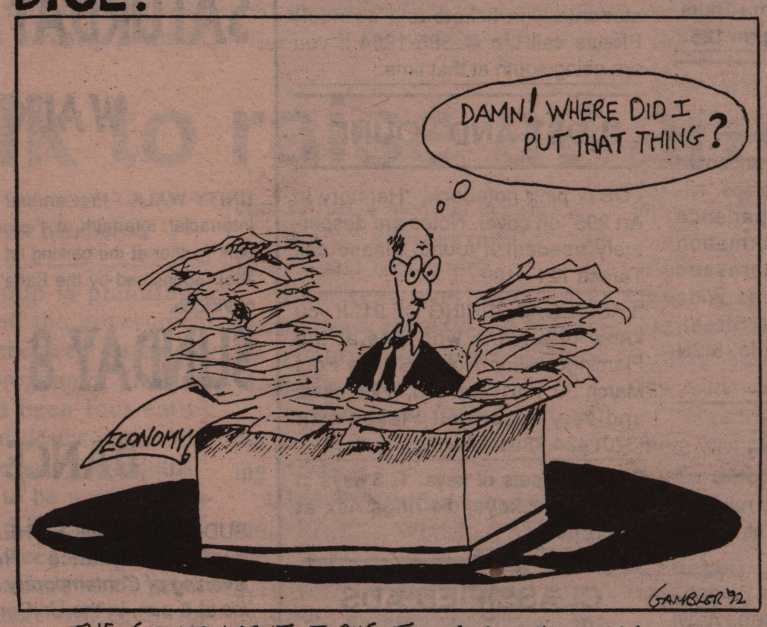

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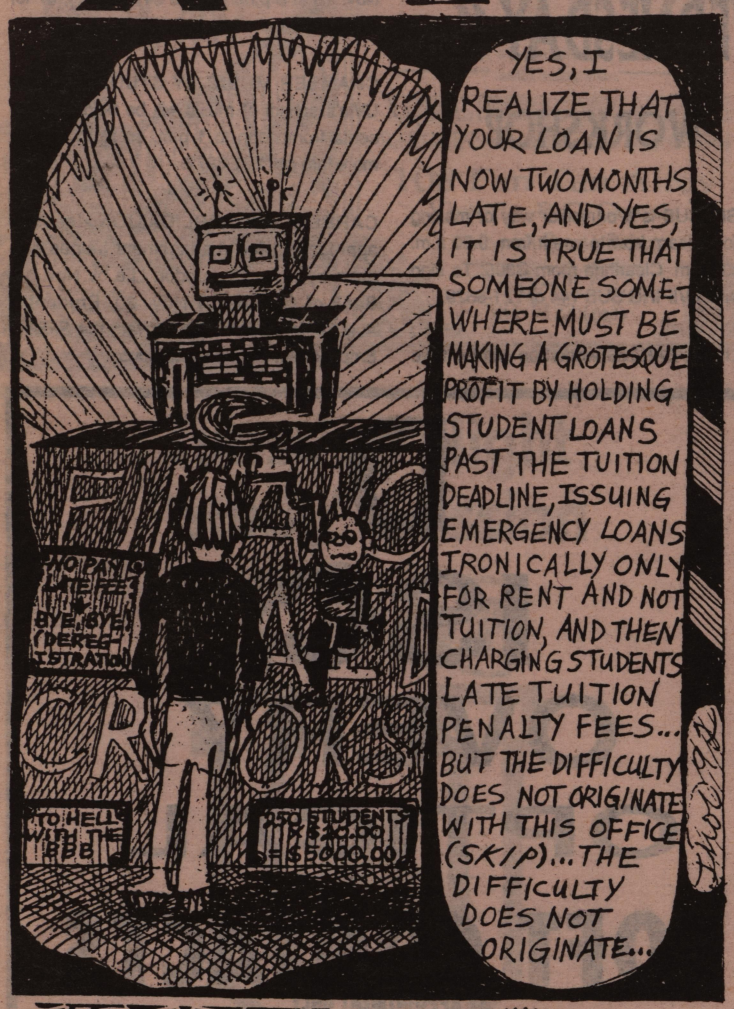
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THE KING

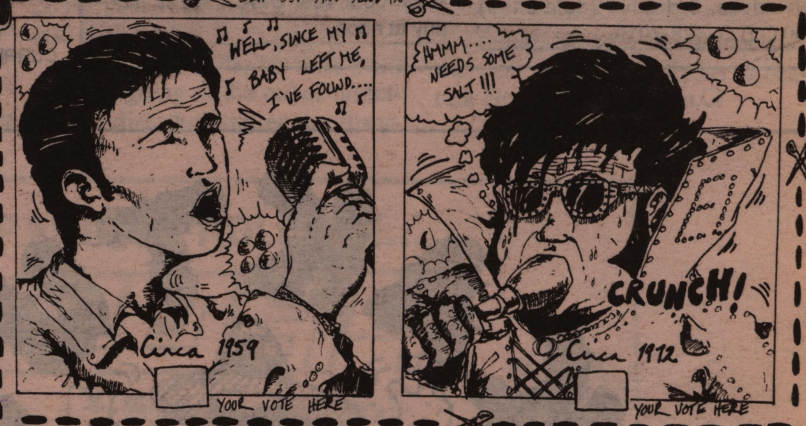
Topher '92 — Like this means anything !!!

* Author's Note *

~Due to conflicting opinions of several readers, and because Canadians in general are in a voting mood, this week's edition will be a UVic student referendum on which Elvis would best represent "The King"! Send your votes into the 'Martlet' office in order to clear-up this chaotic conundrum.... It could also be that I have writer's block and can't think of a damned thing to draw !!!

Yours Truly,
Topher
92.10.30

CLIP OUT AND SEND IN



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